# Atlantic Canada's Young Entrepreneur Awards

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Exceptional young entrepreneurs, their teachers and mentors are in the running for Atlantic Canada's newest entrepreneurship awards. A call for nominations for the Planet Entrepreneur Awards has been issued by Nova Scotia's Centre for Entrepreneurship Education and Development.

The Planet Entrepreneur Awards celebrate the excellence of Atlantic Canada's young entrepreneurs and the encouragement of those who help inspire them. Whether it's technology, landscaping, film-making, developing websites, or somewhere in between, the newest generation of entrepreneurs is fuelling our economy.

The awards will be presented on Friday, May 5, at Spirit of Entrepreneurship 2000, a mega-entrepreneurship conference being held at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax, from May 2 to 6. Spirit of Entrepreneurship, the largest conference of its kind in Canada, is expected to attract more than 1,000 young entrepreneurs, their educators and supporters.

To celebrate the new millennium and the growth of the Atlantic region's entrepreneurial culture, the centre decided to raise the profile of the former Young Entrepreneurs Going Places awards. Along with a new name, there are two new awards categories, the CBC-TV's New Media, Film and the Arts award, and an overall Young Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Other award categories include Entrepreneurship and Technology, Innovation, Supporter of Young Entrepreneurs, Service Excellence, Entrepreneurship Educator of the Year, Student Entrepreneur of the Year, and YES Entrepreneur of the Year.

Nominations are encouraged from all the Atlantic provinces to showcase this region's excellence and diversity. Any person or organization, including teachers, business counsellors, economic development officers and agencies, can complete nomination forms. Young entrepreneurs can also nominate themselves.

Official nomination forms are available online at **www.planetentrepreneur.com** , or from the centre by calling 1-800-590-8481. The nomination deadline is 4:30 p.m. (ADT), Friday, Feb. 18.

To date, sponsors include Atlantic Progress, CBC-TV, Royal Bank Financial Group, and Sable Offshore Energy.

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Young entrepreneurs are in the running for Atlantic Canada's new Planet Entrepreneur Awards.

Whether it's technology, landscaping or film-making, the newest generation of entrepreneurs is fuelling our economy.

And they'll be recognized for their accomplishments, along with their teachers and supporters in the business community.

The awards will be handed out at the Spirit of Entrepreneurship national conference being held from May second to sixth, in Halifax.

The conference will bring together more than one-thousand young entrepreneurs, their educators and supporters, including economic development professionals, from across Canada and beyond.

Anyone, including young entrepreneurs themselves, can submit nominations to Nova Scotia's Centre for Entrepreneurship Education and Development, located in Halifax, by February eighteenth.

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